

the public that gambling laws are being enforced. So if you pay attention to the paper in this regard at all, you see that periodically. You can almost count the number of months that will elapse between these occurrences. There will be a gambling raid. But gambling itself is not touched at all. The bookmaking is here. The bookies will pay the \$500.00 fee. It would take a relatively small number of these licenses to be sold to recoup the cost of enforcement of this bill. Nobody can argue that it won't make money. Even if the bookies who right now are some of the most honest business persons in this society would decide to cheat on 50 percent of what they take in, there would still be a windfall to the state and I call it a windfall because currently the state is not dipping into it at all. Do you know why bookies are honest? They must be. The nature of their business requires them to pay off when a person hits and it's not entirely because of a good feeling or a good heart. When people have lost money with a bookie and they pay him or her, they want to collect when they win. In addition to students taking reading, writing, arithmetic and football at the University of Nebraska, you have runners for bookies who are students at the University of Nebraska. There are coaches, yes, Nebraska football coaches who bet on football games. Now that shocks you, doesn't it? There are players who bet on football games and I mentioned how the Governors will do it openly and notoriously when teams from their respective states meet each other in a contest.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: With all of this it is blatant, it is obvious. The sheets, the spread sheets you can find, all over the state, we're going to sit here with heads in the sand and say that if you kill this bill you have taken a moral position of some kind, you struck a blow against gambling especially after just approving of more lotteries and raffles where the people don't have to pay some taxes or something. And you're not going to touch horse racing. You dare not do that. All I am saying that we ought to do is take away the last vestige and I hate to use the word because it is even being overused, the last vestige of hypocrisy in the realm of gambling. Take the kind which next to horse racing and maybe it exceeds horse racing, which is prevalent in this society and certainly in this state and let those who participate do so without being outlaws. They are going to bet anyway. I will bet you that